The proposal to do away with most, if not all, regulations on the telecom industry represents a total and complete failure of the chairman and FCC to fulfill their mission as mandated by the US Congress:

> *The Federal Communications Commission regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories. An independent U.S. government agency overseen by Congress, the Commission is the federal agency responsible for implementing and enforcing America's communications law and regulations.*

Currently, Americans pay the most and get the least for broadband internet service. It is shameful that the country that invented ARPANet (which eventually became the Internet) has fallen so far behind the leaders. Many rural, poor and majority-brown/black areas are poorly served—or not served at all—by affordable broadband, and this is only going to get worse without government action.

With indifference towards broadband service provider consolidation, the FCC has allowed virtual monopolies to exist and flourish. The apartment complex I reside in only allows Xfinity (Comcast) broadband. No other provider exists, either due to a handshake agreement between Xfinity and the complex owner, or the fact that major providers have carved up regions where they intentionally do not compete with one another. My broadband bill doubled at the beginning of the year, from $70/month to $140/month, for no increase in service, speed, reliability or any other benefit. I cannot afford the increase, so my options are pay ~$70/month for a much slower service from Xfinity, switch to wireless providers (and a slower service) or do without.

There is a misconception that government rules and regulations are burdensome. This is false. As long as rules and regulations are applied equally, they become the new normal. A company that cannot compete under those conditions will and should fail so companies who **CAN** compete can arise and flourish.

Net Neutrality rules are not "burdensome". They simply require service providers to pass through all traffic equally, regardless of origin or destination. Yet, the industry foolishly wants to be able to charge more for certain sites, for example, if a person wanted to watch a show on Netflix or read a story on Reddit. The costs would ultimately be passed on to the user, either through upcharges in broadband service or fees by the content provider to cover the costs the provider must pay to the service provider.

Competition rules are also not “burdensome”. They simply require companies cannot collude to carve out areas where each holds a monopoly.

Ultimately, the dismantling of the FCC’s rules and regulations—and oversight—over the broadband industry will hurt both broadband service providers and the public. History has shown time and time again that unregulated, unrestricted capitalism leads to monopolies, higher prices and worse service. Creating more, fairer competition *actually increases profits*, as companies are forced to innovate, lowering their own costs and selling more.